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Draft resolution entitled "Cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea" (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.32/Rev.1)

1. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.32/Rev.1, which was being submitted by Mr. Čekuolis (Lithuania), on behalf of the original sponsors listed in the document.

2. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) informed the Committee that Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Iraq, Montenegro, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined the sponsors

3. She read out an oral statement on programme budget implications prepared by the Secretariat in connection with the draft resolution now before the Committee. The statement was also circulated to the members of the Committee at the meeting.

4. She noted that the Secretary-General had yet to seek the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations for circulation to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, as specified in paragraph 3 of the draft resolution. It was therefore not possible at that time to estimate the volume of documentation that would need to be translated and submitted to the General Assembly. Accordingly, the full potential financial implications related to documentation requirements could be determined only after the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations had been obtained. The Secretary-General would submit such requirements, if any, in accordance with established procedures, at that time.

5. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.32/Rev.1 was adopted.*

6. **Mr. Čekuolis** (Lithuania) said that the resolution reflected the readiness of the United Nations to address new subjects emerging on its radar. He encouraged Member States to share their experiences, information and best practices on the matter and looked forward to discussions at the next session.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.18, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1 and L.52)

Draft resolution on follow-up of the International Year of Sanitation, 2008 (A/C.2/65/L.24/Rev.1)

7. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.24/Rev.1, which was being submitted by Mr. Harris (Panama), on behalf of the original sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

8. **Mr. Harris** (Panama), speaking on behalf of the original sponsors of the draft resolution, said that Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America also wished to join the list of sponsors.

9. Safe sanitation was a fundamental, moral and urgent matter, and extending it to all should be a key development priority. At the current pace, however, internationally agreed sanitation targets would not be met until 2032, which was unacceptable. Colossal efforts were thus needed, including through Member States' support to the "five-year drive to 2015" for sustainable sanitation. He hoped the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

10. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) informed the Committee that Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and the United Republic of Tanzania also wished to sponsor the draft resolution.

11. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.24/Rev.1 was adopted.*

12. **Mr. Solón** (Plurinational State of Bolivia) said that his Government attached great importance to the issue of water and sanitation, which was evident through domestic discussions it had conducted on the matter as well as through its active participation in the context of the United Nations. Water and sanitation

were an interconnected and key factor to development and a prerequisite to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. They were also an important factor in fully achieving other rights and reducing child mortality. Sanitation, in particular, was fundamental to human dignity and set out as a human right under General Assembly resolution 64/292, which regrettably had not been cited in the resolution that had just been adopted. His Government would continue to work in all forums to ensure that sanitation was addressed as a human right.

Draft resolution entitled "International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013" (A/C.2/65/L.25/Rev.1)

13. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.25/Rev.1, which was being submitted by Mr. Noziri (Tajikistan), on behalf of the original sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

14. **Mr. Noziri** (Tajikistan) informed the Committee that Armenia, Australia, Chile, Honduras, Iraq, Nepal, the Russian Federation and Thailand wished to join the list of sponsors.

15. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) said that Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Costa Rica and Mongolia also wished to join the list of sponsors.

16. **Mr. Khodjaev** (Uzbekistan) said that his Government did not support the text of the draft resolution because it did not take into consideration all of the amendments and proposals reflecting the Uzbek position. Rather than break the consensus, his delegation would abstain from taking action on the draft resolution and would not be bound by any obligation arising from the adopted text.

17. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.25/Rev.1 was adopted.*

18. **Ms. Delieux** (Belgium), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that the Union had been pleased to join the consensus on the draft resolution, on the understanding that the Secretary-General would bear in mind the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67, particularly paragraph 21, which stated that "expenditures should normally be met from existing resources in the regular budget". It was thus the understanding of the European Union that the Secretary-General would not seek extrabudgetary resources to fund the International Year of Water Cooperation.

19. **Ms. Navarro Barro** (Cuba) proposed a minor drafting change to the Spanish version of the resolution.

20. **The Chairperson** requested the Secretariat to take due note of that change.

Draft resolutions on implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (continued) (A/C.2/65/L.18, L.52 and L.66)

21. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.52, which was being submitted by Ms. Würtz (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.18. An oral statement of programme budget implications had been prepared by the Secretariat in connection with the draft resolution.

22. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the full text of the oral statement on programme budget implications had been circulated to Committee members and could also be obtained from the Second Committee secretariat. She drew Committee members' attention to the requests made to the General Assembly contained in paragraphs 18, 19 and 20 of the draft resolution.

23. For the biennium 2010-2011, an additional amount of $208,200 to service intersessional meetings in January and November 2011 would arise from the adoption of the draft resolution. The Secretariat had sought to identify areas from which resources could be redeployed to meet the additional requirements relating to conference services and other conference support services and concluded that the requirements could be accommodated by using resources allotted for servicing the General Assembly, provided that the Assembly did not meet in parallel at the same time. The requirements for documentation services would be absorbed through redeployment by using contractual translation to the most feasible extent possible, rather than in-house translation, for processing the pre-session document.

24. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no additional requirements would

arise for the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 as a result of the proposed absorption.

25. As concerned the additional resource requirements for the biennium 2012-2013, the requirements currently known related to the third intersessional meeting and the third and final meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, totalling $145,000, including $112,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $32,500 under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, would be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

26. The requirements related to servicing the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development would be reported by the Secretary-General through established procedures, once the dates and modalities of the Conference were decided by the General Assembly.

27. At the same time, it should be noted that in accordance with resolution 40/243, the meetings of the Conference, including meetings of the Preparatory Committee, should be held in New York, the established headquarters of the body. However, United Nations bodies were permitted to hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation to hold the meetings agreed to defray the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved. In that connection, it was expected that the Government of Brazil would reimburse the United Nations the actual additional costs as a result of changing the venue from New York to a location in Brazil.

28. **The Chairperson** said that in the light of the oral statement, document A/C.2/65/L.66, containing the statement of programme budget implications for draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.52, was withdrawn.

29. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.52 was adopted.*

30. **Mr. Al-Aud** (Yemen), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, drew attention to paragraph 24 of resolution A/C.2/65/L.52, calling on donors to provide contributions to the Commission on Sustainable Development trust fund, in order to ensure the participation of representatives from developing countries in the preparatory process of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and to the agreement to give priority to covering their travel expenses. The Group of 77 and China remained deeply concerned by the lack of funds to finance the participation of at least one representative from each developing country in all the meetings of the preparatory process. Indeed, on the eve of the first intersessional meeting, there were no resources available for that purpose. Accordingly, it was hoped that contributions would be made to the trust fund, in order to enable the full and effective participation of all developing countries in the process.

31. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.18 was withdrawn.*

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.21, L.62 and L.65)

Draft resolutions on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa (A/C.2/65/L.21, L.62 and L.65)

32. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to waive the 24-hour requirement contained in rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in order to proceed with action on draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.65.

33. *It was so decided.*

34. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.65, which was being submitted by Ms. Würtz (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.21. An oral statement of programme budget implications had been prepared by the Secretariat in connection with the draft resolution.

35. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) read out an oral statement on programme budget implications which was being circulated to Committee members and could also be obtained from the Second Committee secretariat. She drew Committee members' attention to paragraphs 9, 10, 11, 11(a), (e) and (b) of the draft resolution, and noted that pursuant to paragraph 10, the general debate of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly would run for eight working days in September 2011 (21-23 and 26-30 September 2011), an

arrangement which should in no way create a precedent for the general debate at future sessions. In that respect, attention was drawn to paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution 57/301 regarding the dates for the opening and duration of the general debate.

36. The one-day high-level meeting to be held on 20 September 2011, comprising an open plenary meeting, morning and afternoon interactive panels and a closing plenary would use the entitlement of the General Assembly for two meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with interpretation services in all six official languages and verbatim records for the plenary portion of the high-level meeting, provided that there were no parallel meetings of the General Assembly during the same time period. Therefore, no additional resources would be required to service the high-level meeting.

37. It was estimated that documentation services would be required to translate two documents totalling 9,500 words into all six official languages. Although resources amounting to $59,100 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management to process those documents, the Secretariat would seek to identify areas from which resources could be redeployed to meet the requirements within the provisions approved under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management for the biennium 2010-2011.

38. Attention was also drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and to paragraph 67 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, in which it noted that the use of the phrase "within existing resources" or similar language in resolutions had a negative impact on the implementation of activities; therefore, every effort should be made to avoid the use of that phrase in resolutions and decisions.

39. **Ms. Würtz** (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, introduced minor editorial corrections to the draft text.

40. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.65, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

41. **Ms. Würtz** (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, correcting a statement she had made on a previous occasion in relation to the Agenda 21 resolution, said that the coordinator of the Group of 77 had been Ms. Leiva Roesch of the delegation of Guatemala.

42. **Mr. Al-Aud** (Yemen), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, reiterated the Group's concern regarding the inclusion in the draft resolution of the phrase "within existing resources", as that practice violated General Assembly resolutions 41/213, 42/211 and 45/248 B, which clearly stated that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. Moreover, developed countries' insistence on the use of that phrase, particularly when addressing development-related events of utmost importance to the Group, was regrettable and demonstrated a lack of political will and commitment concerning the allocation of appropriate resources for those activities. He hoped such a debate would not be repeated in the Second Committee in future.

43. **Ms. Delieux** (Belgium), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that the European Union had been pleased to join the consensus on the draft resolution. That reflected its political will and commitment vis-à-vis the implementation of the Convention and thus the organization of a high-level meeting to be held in September 2011, as set out in the resolution.

44. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.21 and draft document A/C.2/65/L.62 were withdrawn.*

45. **The Chairperson** said that in the light of the oral statement on programme budget implications for draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.65, document A/C.2/65/L.62 was withdrawn.

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.39 and L.67)

Draft resolutions on the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/C.2/65/L.39 and L.67)

46. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to waive the 24-hour requirement contained in rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the

General Assembly in order to proceed with action on draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.67.

47. *It was so decided.*

48. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.67, which was being submitted by Ms. Würtz (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.39. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

49. **Ms. Würtz** (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, introduced minor editorial corrections to the draft resolution.

50. **Ms. Thuaudet** (France) proposed minor drafting changes to the French version of the draft resolution.

51. **Mr. Rengifo** (Colombia) proposed minor drafting changes to the Spanish version of the draft resolution.

52. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.67, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

53. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.39 was withdrawn.*

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eleventh special session (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.43 and L.71)

Draft resolutions on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eleventh special session (A/C.2/65/L.43 and L.71)

54. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.71, which was being submitted by Ms. Würtz (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.43. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

55. **Ms. Würtz** (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, said that in paragraph 8, the phrase "and as a contribution to the second meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development" should be deleted, and "in anticipation of the Governing Council's contribution to the second preparatory meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development" should be added at the end of the paragraph. In paragraph 9, the phrase "and takes note of" should be replaced with "to support". In paragraph 17, "Programme and External Commission" should be replaced by "Executive Board". In that same paragraph, "Executive Board" should be deleted before "document 185 EX/43".

56. **Ms. Thuaudet** (France) said that in paragraph 17, the French equivalent for "intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services" should be "la plateforme intergouvernementale scientifique et politique sur la biodiversité et les services écosystémiques", as in previous documents. The term "determine" should have been translated as "décider de" rather than "examiner". Because the paragraph had been the subject of complex discussions, the French version must reflect the English original.

57. **Mr. Laguna Celis** (Mexico) said that in paragraph 17, the Spanish translation of "intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services" should match the language used in document A/65/383.

58. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.71, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

59. **Mr. de Bassompierre** (Belgium), speaking on behalf of the European Union, welcomed, in particular, the draft resolution's endorsement of the establishment of an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The European Union now looked forward to the full operationalization of the platform through the convening of a plenary meeting providing for the full and effective participation of all Member States, in particular representatives from developing countries, to determine the modalities and institutional arrangements at the earliest opportunity. The resolution was a major step towards converting emerging scientific knowledge into specific policy action at the appropriate levels, reflecting the interests of developed and developing countries alike.

60. **Ms. Gadkowski** (United States of America) said that an endorsement of an intergovernmental platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services had been a prominent priority for her delegation, and would have deserved a resolution of its own. However, her delegation welcomed the reference to the platform in the current draft resolution, which clearly endorsed the establishment of the platform and provided guidance on the following steps in accordance with the Busan

outcome. The principles contained in the Busan outcome were the best guidance for the platform, which would be first and foremost a scientific entity under the direction of experts. In order to be credible, it must adhere to basic scientific tenets as set forth in the outcome. Relevant international organizations including, in particular, the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization, should all be involved in developing the platform. Her delegation would welcome broad participation at the governmental meeting to determine modalities and institutional arrangements. It should be clearly understood that participation could not be financed from the UNEP Environment Fund.

61. **Mr. Rossi** (Switzerland) said that the intergovernmental platform had been among the most important items for his delegation. The reference to the Busan outcome, which Switzerland fully supported, was particularly pertinent; the importance of establishing an intergovernmental platform had been reaffirmed at the tenth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in October in Nagoya. His delegation encouraged UNEP to take prompt measures towards that end.

62. **Ms. Ntyam-Ehya** (Gabon) said that her delegation welcomed the strengthening of the mandate of UNEP. The establishment of the intergovernmental platform had received strong support at the Pan-African Conference on Biodiversity, held in Libreville in September. A pan-African committee on the intergovernmental platform would be established in order to guide subregional biodiversity policies and foster development. Her delegation encouraged UNEP to prepare the terms of reference for consultations as soon as possible, and to keep subregional organizations informed.

63. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.43 was withdrawn.*

(i) Harmony with nature (*continued*)
(A/C.2/65/L.30/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on harmony with nature
(A/C.2/65/L.30/Rev.1)

64. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) said that several of the preambular paragraphs in the text before the Committee did not reflect the agreement reached in informal consultations. An informal paper in English only, reflecting the draft resolution in its entirety, was currently being distributed. The text would be reproduced in all official languages in the report to be submitted to the General Assembly for adoption.

65. Paragraph 2 provided that International Mother Earth Day would be commemorated on 22 April 2011. Because that day would be a holiday at United Nations Headquarters, the date should be corrected to 26 April 2011.

66. **Mr. Solón** (Plurinational State of Bolivia) said that Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Peru had joined the sponsors.

67. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) said that Algeria, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Serbia, the Solomon Islands, Saint Lucia and Sri Lanka had also become sponsors.

68. Reading out an oral statement of programme budget implications, she said that paragraph 2 provided for the convening of an interactive dialogue. On the understanding that the event would take place on 26 April 2011, it would use the entitlements of the General Assembly for two meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on that date, including interpretation services in all official languages and verbatim records for the plenary portion of the commemorative meeting, provided that no parallel meetings of the General Assembly would be held at the same time period.

69. Documentation services would be required for the translation of two documents at a total of 5,000 words into all official languages. Although resources amounting to $30,600 would be required for that purpose under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs and Conference Management, the Secretariat would seek to identify areas from which resources could be redeployed to meet the requirements within the provisions approved under section 2 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Should the draft resolution be adopted, no additional programme budget implications would arise for the biennium 2010-2011.

70. **Ms. Prorok** (Ukraine) said that it had already been agreed that a commemoration of the Chernobyl disaster would be held on 26 April 2011. She asked whether consideration of the draft resolution could be

postponed in order to agree on a different date for International Mother Earth Day.

71. **Mr. Solón** (Plurinational State of Bolivia) said that it could be left to the Secretariat to determine a suitable date around 22 April 2010.

72. **The Chairperson** suggested that the draft resolution could be adopted on the understanding that the Secretariat would hold consultations with the sponsors, before the consideration of the draft resolution by the Assembly, in order to agree on a suitable date for the commemoration.

73. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.30/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

Agenda item 22: Globalization and interdependence (*continued*)

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (*continued*) (A/65/272, A/C.2/65/L.15/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (A/C.2/65/L.15/Rev.1)

74. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to waive the 24-hour requirement contained in rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in order to proceed with action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.15/Rev.1.

75. *It was so decided.*

76. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.15/Rev.1, which had no programme budget implications.

77. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the heading of the draft resolution, which currently read "Yemen: revised draft resolution", should be corrected to read "Draft resolution submitted by Mr. Jean Claudy Pierre (Haiti), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.15".

78. **Ms. Morizet** (France) said that the word "actuelle" should be omitted from the French text of paragraph 7. The French translations of the phrase "sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth" in paragraphs 9 and 11 should be harmonized.

79. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.15/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

Report of the Secretary-General concerning an overview of the major international economic and policy challenges for equitable and inclusive sustained economic growth and sustainable development, and of the role of the United Nations in addressing these issues in the light of the New International Economic Order (A/65/272)

80. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take note of the report.

81. *It was so decided.*

(b) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.12 and L.68*)

Draft resolutions entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (A/C.2/65/L.12 and L.68*)

82. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to waive the 24-hour requirement contained in rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in order to proceed with action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.68*.

83. *It was so decided.*

84. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.68*, which had been submitted by Mr. Pierre (Haiti), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.12. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

85. **Mr. Pierre** (Haiti) introduced a minor editorial correction to the draft resolution.

86. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.68*, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

87. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.12 was withdrawn.*

(c) International migration and development (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.23 and L.69)

Draft resolutions on international migration and development (A/C.2/65/L.23 and L.69)

88. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to waive the 24-hour requirement contained in rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in order to proceed with action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.69.

89. *It was so decided.*

90. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.69, which had been submitted by Mr. Pierre (Haiti), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.23. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

91. **Mr. Pierre** (Haiti) introduced a minor editorial correction to the draft resolution.

92. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.69, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

93. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.13 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 24: Eradication of poverty and other development issues (*continued*)

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (*continued*) (A/65/267, A/C.2/65/L.38 and L.64)

Draft resolutions on the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (A/C.2/65/L.38 and A/C.2/65/L.64)

94. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.64, which had been submitted by Mr. Empole (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Rapporteur of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.38. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

95. **Mr. Empole** (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Rapporteur of the Committee, introduced some minor editorial corrections.

96. **Mr. Lakhal** (Tunisia) proposed minor editorial corrections to the French and Arabic texts.

97. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.64, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

98. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.38 was withdrawn.*

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty (A/65/267)

99. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take note of the report.

100. *It was so decided.*

(b) Industrial development cooperation (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.11 and L.45/Rev.1)

Draft resolutions on industrial development cooperation (A/C.2/65/L.11 and L.45/Rev.1)

101. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.45/Rev.1, which had been submitted by Mr. Empole (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Rapporteur of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.11. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

102. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.45/Rev.1 was adopted.*

103. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.11 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 26: Agriculture development and food security (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.29 and L.61)

Draft resolutions on agriculture development and food security (A/C.2/65/L.29 and L.61)

104. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.61, submitted by Mr. Lundberg (Finland), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.29. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

105. **Mr. Lundberg** (Finland), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, and **Ms. Morizet** (France) made minor drafting changes to the draft resolution.

106. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.61 was adopted as orally corrected.*

107. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.29 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 118: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.72)

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly

108. **The Chairperson** drew attention to the Committee's draft programme of work for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/65/L.72).

109. *The draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly was adopted.*

Draft decision entitled "Improving the working methods of the Second Committee"

110. **The Chairperson** drew attention to the advance unedited English version of a draft decision entitled "Improving the working methods of the Second Committee". At its 7th meeting, held on 8 October, the Committee had discussed a non-paper on that subject submitted by the Bureau. The main purpose of the draft decision was to enhance the working methods of the Second Committee in order to strengthen it and make it more efficient and effective. Noting that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications, she invited the Committee to take action on it.

111. *The draft decision was adopted.*

112. **Mr. de Bassompierre** (Belgium), speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia, Iceland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the stabilization and association process countries Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; and, in addition, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, said that the European Union welcomed the special attention given to the improvement of the working methods of the Committee. The measures to improve practices for the submission of draft proposals and to allow for a more efficient use of the Committee's time would enhance the quality of its work. Further efforts were needed to enhance the relevance of the Committee's agenda. He expressed the hope that the next Bureau of the Committee would consider incorporating existing General Assembly mandates for keeping the agenda up to date, along with other related matters raised in the Chairperson's non-paper distributed earlier in the session.

Agenda item 130: Programme planning (*continued*)

113. **The Chairperson** informed the Committee that she had been advised by the Secretariat that there were no matters requiring the Committee's attention or action under that agenda item. She took it that the Committee decided that no action was required under that agenda item.

114. *It was so decided.*

Completion of the main part of the Committee's work

115. **The Chairperson**, in her closing remarks, thanked all delegations, the Vice-Chairpersons, the Rapporteur, the facilitators of the draft proposals and the members of the Secretariat, among others.

116. The Committee had had a productive session and had fulfilled its duty of taking the first steps towards the effective implementation of the outcome of the summit on Millennium Development Goals and other high-level events that year. The fulfilment of the United Nations development agenda rested on the effectiveness and efficiency of the Committee's work. She thanked all delegations for demonstrating the Committee's ability to follow a schedule, meet deadlines and carry out its duties in good time. More importantly, the Committee had fulfilled its purpose of promoting productive dialogue and serving as an incubator of ideas that helped to inform international development policy. She noted the particular value of the side events organized by the Committee, which brought the Committee into contact with cutting-edge thinking from outside of the United Nations and allowed for new or controversial issues to be addressed in an open and interactive format.

117. **Mr. Al-Aud** (Yemen), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, conveyed their appreciation to the Chairperson, the members of the Bureau and the Secretariat, and the negotiators for their efforts and the successful completion of the session. He also thanked the members of the secretariat of the Group of 77 and China for their efforts.

The meeting rose at 6 p.m.